

Judges Announced For All-American Dairy Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — An impressive list of judges has been assembled to place the classes and award prizes to the best animals at the 37th All-American Dairy Show.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, the Eastern National Ayrshire Show will start promptly at 9 a.m. in the Large Arena, with Larry Schirm serving as the official judge for all 44 classes. He returns from having judged the show previously.

Schirm grew up on a farm in Ohio. He has maintained his rural roots and continues to work with the dairy industry as the Director of Product Development for Alta Genetics. His work at Alta Genetics over the past 16 years has been mostly with daughter evaluations, sire selections, and employee training. A graduate of Kansas State University, he judges dairy cattle shows across the United States and Canada.

Dairy enthusiast and active farmer, Dennis Patrick of Maple Dell Farms of Woodbine, Mary-

land, will be the official for the Eastern Regional Brown Swiss Show on Wednesday, Sept. 27, beginning at 9 a.m.

Patrick is an integral part of the family farm, where they milk 130 Holsteins and 50 Ayrshires. The rolling herd averages for the herds are 26,500m, 1050f and 20,000m and 800f, respectively. The Patricks farm 900 acres and raise all the feed for the milking herd and young stock. He has been a part of the farm operation since 1986, when he returned from being the Herdsman at Rothrock Golden Holsteins.

Patrick has judged the Hodika Show in Japan and many shows in the United States, including the Eastern National Holstein Show, and served as an Associate Judge at The World Dairy Expo. He has also judged state shows and fairs in Ohio, New York, Florida, Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, and Indiana among others.

The National Guernsey Show will also file into the Large Arena on Wednesday morning, to be

placed by Lee Kohler of Baltimore, Ohio.

Kohler's farm is home for 66 milking Guernseys, with a RHA over 18,000m. Each year, Kohler's breeding and cow care are reflected in the number of homebred animals nominated for All-American status. While active on the show road, this family farms over 400 acres. Kohler is the father of six children.

As an accomplished judge, he has judged countless county, district, and regional shows. He has judged at the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, the Mid West Classic in Indiana, and the Ohio Holstein Futurity.

Perry Phend, herd superintendent for Carousel Farms of Orangeville, Illinois, will officiate the Eastern National Holstein Show which begins at 8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 28 in the Large Arena.

Phend has an extensive background working with and developing great cattle. He worked at Lylehaven Farms, where he served as herdsman for eight

years and now oversees the care and management of another great herd of Holsteins. Phend has traveled and officiated at many regional shows and at State Fairs. He will be officiating at the North American Livestock Show this fall.

Jersey breeder and farmer, Hank Van Exel of Dairy, Lodi, California, will be doing double duty this year. On Tuesday, Van Exel will judge the Pennsylvania State Fall Holstein Championship Show and on Thursday, he will officiate at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Jersey Show.

Van Exel owns and operates Exel Dairy, a 2,000-acre operation that is divided into two farms. The first farm houses 1,200 milking Holsteins, with a RHA of 27,600m and 1072f, and 900p. This herd was rated number one for BAA in the over 200 head category, with a BAA of 106.5. The second farm houses the Jersey herd, and was just recently acquired. Currently, they are milking 200 Jerseys, and are raising replacements to bring the

milking herd up to 500.

Van Exel has bred two reserve All-Americans and enjoys showing as much as judging dairy cattle. He has officiated at the Maryland, Utah, Oregon, and Idaho State Fairs.

Dennis Ferguson, Dryden, New York, will be the official judge for the Eastern National Milking Shorthorn Show.

Ferguson has a lifetime of cattle experience, having grown up on McDonald's Guernsey farm under the watchful eye of Henry Thomas and Casey Sly. As a student at Cornell University, he participated on the judging team in 1964. After graduating from college, he returned home to manage the Guernsey herd until it's dispersal in 1985.

Currently, he sells for Semex, USA. He remains active in the registered cattle business and owns several animals in partnership with other farmers. He is the chairman for the All New York Contest. His judging experience includes numerous state fairs and regional shows.

Trade Show Auction Added To All-American

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to share this great new opportunity with our long time show supporters and to other agribusiness that wish to be a part of the Pennsylvania's largest dairy

event," All-American Fund Raising Coordinator, Lolly Leshner said.

Explaining the logistics of the silent auction, Leshner said, "Ven-

dors will have the opportunity to present several lots for sale by silent auction to visiting dairy farmers. In lieu of class sponsor contributions, or buying a commercial booth space, vendors will offer items for purchase through a silent auction. The All-American will receive the revenues from the sales."

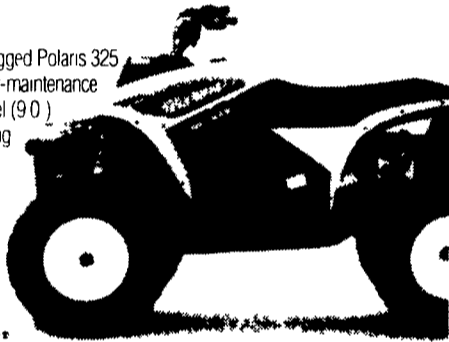
This will create activity and excitement in the trade show area explained Leshner. The concept is a direct result of the All-Ameri-

can Dairy Show meetings sponsored by Farmshine earlier this year.

This interactive trade show is designed to attract dairymen to the trade show displays. With an attractive display, and the auction lots clearly identified, anyone can easily sign up to bid on the products. The vendor is responsible for seeing that the products get to the buyer. Ideally, vendors will offer one or more lots each day. A minimum bid on each lot will be set. These lots are to be part of display, creating an opportunity for vendors to visit with dairyman one on one.

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